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Ms. Suzanne K. Forbes
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Dear Ms. Forbes:

The attached letter from Dr. Neal H. Petersen, Acting Historian, Department of State, requests that the following official historians and their research assistant be given access to CIA-originated documents in those national security files at your library that they will use in research on the Vietnam War for the Foreign Relations of the United States series:

Charles S. Sampson
Ronald D. Landa
Louis J. Smith
Edward C. Keefer
Suzanne E. Coffman

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, this letter is to authorize these five researchers access to such CIA material as may be pertinent to their research on the Vietnam War. As indicated in Paragraphs 3-4 of the enclosed "CIA Access Policy," they are free to take notes and make copies of documents, so long as the Kennedy Library collects and sends these notes and copies to this office for review before they are released to these researchers.

We shall notify the Kennedy Library of this Agency's decisions with respect to all documents and notes reviewed. We are also forwarding copies of this authorization to Dr. Petersen and to Dr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives and Records Service.

Yours sincerely,

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

Enclosure

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